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**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
SUPERFUND DIVISION
JULY 8, 2015**

- **SAND SPRINGS PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX SUPERFUND SITE:** The Fourth Five Year Review Report for this Site was completed on July 3, 2015. The completed remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. Three minor issues identified in the Five Year Review that do not affect the overall protectiveness of the site will be addressed in the near future. **(Meyer, x6742)**

- **SOUTH VALLEY SUPERFUND SITE:** The Fifth Five Year Review Report for this Site was completed on July 3, 2015. The remedial actions performed at Operable Units (OU) 1, 2, 4, and 5 are protective of human health and the environment. The remedial actions at OU 3 and OU 6 are protective in the short term. Two issues need to be addressed to ensure the remedy is protective in the long term. Specifically, activities to address the 1,4-Dioxane contamination at the Univar facility (OU 3) and recent occurrences of 1,1-Dichloroethane in the General Electric ground water monitoring system (OU 6) should continue. **(Meyer, x6742)**

- **CIVIL ACTION TO COMPEL LAND O' LAKES – PAY FOR PAST AND FUTURE COSTS AT HUDSON REFINERY:** On June 30, 2015, Region 6 requested the Department of Justice (DOJ) to commence a civil action to compel Land O' Lakes to pay all outstanding past and future response costs incurred by the federal government under CERCLA at the Hudson Refinery Superfund Site. The United States has incurred \$23.4 million in response costs and Land O' Lakes may also be responsible for payment of up to \$28.4 million in civil penalties due to noncompliance. Region 6 also requested DOJ to defend against a Notice of Intent to Sue and complaint filed by Land O' Lakes on June 23, 2015. Land O' Lakes complaint also indicates a petition to the Environmental Appeals Board for costs incurred to perform the RD/RA under the UAO is imminent. **(Banipal, x-7324)**

- **SANDY BEACH REMEDIAL ACTION UPDATE:** The soil vapor extraction (SVE) treatment system and granular activated carbon units were scheduled for delivery on July 8, 2015. The treatment unit was shipped as a self-contained unit that will be connected to the existing piping and electrical systems. The SVE piping has been connected to the 28 extraction wells and pressure tested prior to backfilling the trenches. The project schedule was delayed a week due to heavy rains in June, but the daily work schedule has been adjusted to make up the time lost due to the wet weather.

Next Week: Work is scheduled to continue with completion of the piping and electrical connections to the soil vapor extraction treatment system and surface completions to the piping network. **(Meyer, x6742)**

SHREVEPORT MAKING A VISIBLE DIFFERENCE EVENT: Members of the Brownfields Section joined Regional Administrator Ron Curry in a meeting with the City of Shreveport's Mayor Ollie Tyler to celebrate the successes to date of the City's Brownfields Revitalization efforts in the assessment of Cross Bayou property and the project's next steps.



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(Talton x7205)

CORPUS CHRISTI HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT: The Brownfields Section participated in a meeting with OEJ and RA Sam Coleman, R6's NEPA group and R6's OEJTA offices regarding the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge Project. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Region 6 team on the status of a Title 6 complaint that was filed by community groups affected by the proposed relocation of the Harbor Bridge. (Talton x7205)

TAR CREEK: EPA provided comments to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Community Involvement Plan (CIP) Source Material Operable Unit 4 Remedial Action. The CIP will address the SE Distal Zone Unrestricted Tier 1 Beaver Creek Project in Ottawa County. The CIP provides a tool for the public to be actively involved in the cleanup process and to provide a timeline of remediation activities. Mine waste removal is the goal and EPA provided comments to ensure community interviews occur to address citizen concerns. (Talton x7205)

GRANTS MINING DISTRICT'S 2nd 5 YEAR REVIEW: On July 15, 2015, the federal, state and tribal partners to the Grants Mining District Five-Year Plan are meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to discuss the second plan spanning 2015 to 2019. The 2015 Grants Mining District Plan identifies the five objectives (assessment of water sources potentially contaminated, assessment and cleanup of uranium mines, long-term stewardship of mill sites, assessment of residential structures and properties, and communication and coordination on community issues) with goals and specific actions identified by the partners. (Banipal, x7324)

SAN JACINTO WASTE PITS: On June 19, the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) released its report, "Assessment of the Occurrence of Cancer in East Harris County, Texas, 1995-2012". The TDSHS has since formed a panel of subject matter experts to review statistically significant cancers identified in the assessment and evaluate whether follow-up epidemiologic study is recommended and feasible. Region 6 was asked and will participate in the panel discussions. The group will include internal and external experts in epidemiology, oncology, and toxicology, as well as a citizen to represent the community's interest. The first call is scheduled for July 24. (Banipal, x7324)

E15618-XTO OIL SPILLS; CARTER AND JOHNSTON COUNTIES, OK: EPA OSC and START were activated on Sunday to respond to multiple oil spills from multiple locations from XTO facilities resulting from the June 2015 flooding. The Responsible Party (RP) reported approximately 2,400 bbls of oil discharged from 11 locations along the Caddo Creek and Washita River, which flows into the northern side of Lake Texoma and the Red River. Flood lines observed indicated flood waters over six feet at most locations. The RP had an OSRO activated and responding. Of the tanks that over turned, only three were displaced downstream. RP is working to further assess these tanks and recover them and the contents as quickly as possible. (Crossland, x2721).

2015 OK FLOOD ASSESSMENT/CARTER COUNTY, OK (WEST OF I-35): On July 2, EPA ERRS and START contractors were demobilized from the site. The site has been put into a monitoring phase; all visibly recoverable oil has been removed. Multiple sets of absorbent and skirt boom have been deployed at key points throughout the spill zone and will be monitored by both OCC and EPA. Sheening is expected to occur for an unspecified amount of time as the trees and other vegetation drop leaves and are affected by rainfall. If

conditions change and oil removal is required in the future, EPA is prepared to re-mobilize and take appropriate response actions. **(Crossland, x2721)**

BAMA FUELS RESPONSE, SUNSHINE, LA: On July 1 and 2, EPA completed the first phase of response activities at the abandoned Bama Fuels facility located in Iberville Parish just south of Baton Rouge. The first phase involved pumping out approximately 1,400 gallons of liquids from inside the secondary containment area. The liquid appears to be a mix of water, oil and other chemicals that were previously stored in onsite tanks. Absorbent boom was also placed around the top of the crumbling berm as a temporary measure in the event of more rain in the next week or two. EPA will return to the site in the next couple of weeks to remove the contents of the tanks and excavate the contaminated soils and sludges inside the containment area and impacted areas outside containment. **(Crossland, x2721)**

R6 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP): FEMA is planning a multi-agency COOP exercise in October. EPA Region 6 is planning to participate in the voluntary exercise. FEMA has required participants from each agency, including EPA, to complete a series of trainings prior to the exercise. The next training TBD. The FY 2015 COOP Awareness Training is now available on eLearning. The required training is intended for all EPA personnel to complete by July 31, 2015. Weekly updates regarding employee training completion status will be submitted to all Division Directors and their Deputies. Additionally, Region 6 EPA staff is working with the Region 7 COOP coordinator to plan a joint devolution exercise. A regional COOP Exercise is planned for July. Region 6 EPA staff met with team members on Tuesday, July 7 at 1600 in the REOC to discuss COOP exercise planning. **(Crossland, x2721)**

SBA SHIPYARDS, JENNINGS, LA: Analytical results of sludge within the barge containments did not meet the criteria for an OPA removal, however, currently reviewing the results with a risk assessor to determine next course of action. As of June 11, an estimated 35 cubic yards of oily contaminated solids and 90,484 gallons of oily liquids were removed and transported off site for disposal. Final quantities of liquid and solid waste material will be determined once ERRS receives final invoices from vendors. **(Crossland, x2721)**

WILCOX OIL, BRISTOW, OK: A site briefing with Division Director and Deputy Division Director was held Thursday, July 2 to discuss previous and planned site actions. EPA staff is waiting validation of analytical results. Data tables will be generated upon the completion of data validation. Letters will be mailed out to property owners at a later date explaining results of sampling activities. EPA and ODEQ are also planning to meet with property owners to discuss sample results and other current and planned activities. **(Crossland, x2721)**

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM (IMT) EXERCISE, ADDISON, TX: Region 6 is conducting an Incident Management Team exercise July 14 – 16, 2015 at the COOP Warehouse in Addison, TX. The activities will exercise all Key Leadership positions and support functions. **(Crossland, x2721)**

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